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SUBJ: TALK WITH INTERIOR MINISTER MOYA PALENCIA

1. DURING A LONG TALK WITH INTERIOR MINISTER MOYA PALENCIA, HE DISCUSSED WITH ME PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN MEXICO. ALTHOUGH HE WAS LESS AGITATED ON THIS THEME THAN FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA, HE STRESSED ITS IMPORTANCE TO MEXICO AND THE NECESSITY FOR SOME ACTION. HE SAID THAT MEXICANS REMAINED CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR THESE WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS THEY DID PASS ACROSS TO THE U.S. IN LARGE NUMBERS AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR AND THEN RETURN AFTER HARVESTING OF THE AGRICULTURAL CROPS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN U.S. HE SAID THAT THE STATUS OF THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE REGULARIZED SINCE THEIR TEMPORARY EMIGRATION TO U.S. APPARENTLY MET NEEDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FRONTIER. HE ADDED HE WAS CERTAIN THAT U.S. EMPLOYERS WANTED MEXICAN WORKERS AND THAT NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THEM EXISTED IN THE UNITED STATES. I REFERRED TO PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND RABASA ON THIS PROBLEM AND SAID THAT HIGH LEVELS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT WERE NOW SEIZED WITH THE MATTER. MOYA ASKED WHEN SENATOR MANSFIELD WOULD BE VISITING MEXICO AS HE BELIEVED A CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND MANSFIELD ON THIS TOPIC WOULD BE HELPFUL IN VIEW OF MANSFIELD'S REPUTATION AS A FRIEND OF MEXICO.

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2. MOYA PALENCIA ALSO REFERRED TO PROBLEM OF FURNISHING JET FUEL TO MEXICAN AIRCRAFT IN U.S. AS A TEMPORARILY ANNOYING PROBLEM. I OUTLINED MEASURES WHICH WE HAD ALREADY TAKEN TO SETTLE THIS QUESTION AND NOTED THAT IT NOW SEEMED SETTLED EXCEPT IN DETROIT WHERE WE WERE WORKING HARD FOR A SETTLEMENT ALSO. MOYA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A RAPID SETTLEMENT SO THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE U.S. ON THE GROUNDS WE WERE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST MEXICAN AIRCRAFT. I NOTED THAT PROBLEM SEEMED TO HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN AEROMEXICO AND PRIVATE U.S. SUPPLIER BUT SAID U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO SEIZED ACTIVELY WITH THE QUESTION.

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